

REMARKS

After entry of the present amendments, Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application and remain in this application for prosecution. Claims 1, 9, 11, 22-23, 26, and 28 have been amended. New claims 29-34 have been added. No claims have been canceled.

Claim Objection (claim 19)

Claim 19 was objected to in an Office Action dated June 20, 2006. Although claim 19 is dependent upon claim 1, the feature of claim 19 has been incorporated into independent claim 26, which is believed to be allowable.

Claim Rejections

The Office Action sets forth new grounds for rejection. Applicants traverse these rejections; however, for reasons unrelated to the cited prior art, Applicants have amended claim 1 to call for, *inter alia*, an electro-mechanical or electro-acoustical component having an interface coupled to a system bus. This feature is not taught or suggested in the cited references, and claim 1 as amended is believed to be patentable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed for a petition for a one-month extension of time and additional claim fees is submitted herewith. It is believed that no additional fees are presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47161-00041USPT) for any fees inadvertently omitted which may be necessary now or during the pendency of this application, except for the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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